

# North East No-Mow Zone

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# The Serendipity Garden

Once upon a time three teachers were invited to attend the Earth Partnership RESTORE Institute. They were transported to a magical land of learning and experience called the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle State Park .

Simultaneously, North East in Bloom, a local non-profit, was asked to support a No-Mow Zone on the North East School District Campus. Two members of our group just happened to be members of the group.

“The Team” snatched up the opportunity to create a pollinator habitat. Coincidentally, Mercyhurst University-North East Campus was looking for service projects for its freshman class “Saints Day.” The Team enlisted the Mercyhurst volunteers for August 27, 2012, and thus the Serendipity Garden was born.

You can read about it in the North East News Journal:

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# Goals

- To promote an understanding of the necessity for ecological restoration.
- To enhance a “no-mow zone” to become a meadow habitat for pollinators and butterflies.
- To help students identify native plant habitats and understanding of the ecological cycle.
- To educate the community on the importance of “no-mow zone” (and tolerance for “weedy areas.”)

## **Goals (continued)**

- To serve as a model for meadow habitat restoration for the community.
- Standards – Lesson 1-2 Understanding Habitat – Mapping Habitat Components
- Habitat design – Using the Internet and other resources to identify desired species (utilizing cataloging/field guide activities).

# MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

## SAINTS DAY

(FRESHMEN WELCOME WEEK)

\*THE NEW SAINTS WILL BE OUT ON THE TOWN WALKING DISTANCE FROM MNE TO HELP THE COMMUNITY.

\*10-15 HELPERS WILL ASSIST YOU WITH CLEANING/SORTING/ANYTHING NEEDED.

DATE: AUG 27, 2012

TIME: 10:30AM-12:30

IF INTERESTED CONTACT RACHEL PACHOLKE 725-7061

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# The No-Mow Zone...Before





**After a vegetation inventory is taken, Mrs. Maloney marks “danger spots” and areas for plant removal.**



# Mercyhurst Students Prepare Area





# Mr. Bendig attacks undesirable plants.



**The area is now cleared for planting**





# The end of a successful day



**Community Education  
and Awareness are  
important components  
of our Pollinator Habitat  
Project.**

**With our team's support Cassea Galbreath exhibits at the North East Community Fair.**





## October 9th: Mrs. Maloney provides community education for the North East Garden Club.



# October 20<sup>th</sup>: Phase II at the No-Mow Zone - The Cub Scouts spread seeds.





# Milkweed and other pollinator attractors were planted.



# Similar identifying signage will be provided by North East in Bloom.



**To be continued...**

**Spring 2013**